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ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1973

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Summary of Vital Statistics of the Borough  
for 1973 in comparison with 1972

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
Area of District in Acres		4865
Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year Estimate)	31,340	31,320
No. of Live Births	426	484
No. of Still Births	5	5
No. of Infant Deaths under 1 year of age	12	11
No. of Neonatal Deaths	6	5
No. of Perinatal Deaths	9	9
No. of Maternal Deaths	-	-
No. of Deaths (all ages)	330	336
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	13.6	15.5
Adjusted Birth Rate	12.8	15.0
Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	10.5	10.7
Adjusted Death Rate	13.4	13.5
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	12.0	10.0
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	28.0	23.0
Neonatal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	14.0	8.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	21.0	18.0
Maternal Mortality Rate	-	-

Prevalence of and control over Infectious and Other Diseases.

The following table shows the prevalence of Infectious Diseases, other than Tuberculosis, during the year.

Disease	Jan - March	April - June	July - Sept.	Oct - Dec.	Total
Chickenpox	5	5	15	51	76
Infective Hepatitis	-	3	1	1	5
Suspected Food Poisoning	1	-	-	12	13
Meningitis	3	-	-	-	2
Measles	3	-	35	26	64
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	2	3
Dysentery	-	3	-	-	3
Totals	11	11	52	92	166

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### Tuberculosis

The number of new cases and the number of deaths occurring during the year is shown in the following table:-

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	-

The following table gives the position regarding Tuberculosis in Pontefract Borough in 1973:-

### Summary of Register

	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Total
Number of cases on Register 1st January	141	39	180
New cases notified during year	-	3	3
Restored to register	1	-	1
Transferred from other areas	-	-	-
Total	142	42	184
Number of cases removed from register during year	6	-	6
Number of cases left on register at end of year	136	42	178



National Assistance Acts 1948 - 51

No action needed to be taken under Section 47 of the Acts during the year.

Medical Examination of the Corporation Staff

During the year the following medical examinations were carried out:-

1. Entry to the Sickness Pay Scheme	31
2. Entry to the Superannuation Scheme	23







COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

HEALTH DIVISION NO. 11

Castleford	M.B.
Pontefract	M.B.
Featherstone	U.D.
Knottingley	U.D.
Normanton	U.D.
Osgoldcross	R.D.

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## 1. VITAL STATISTICS

### Populations (Registrar General's Estimate)

Castleford M.B.	37,650
Pontefract M.B.	31,340
Featherstone U.D.	15,240
Knottingley U.D.	17,080
Normanton U.D.	17,350
Osgoldcross R.D.	9,270
Total Division II	<u>127,930</u>

### Statistics Compiled from Divisional Records

#### Births

Total No. of live births notified as residing in the Division	1,756
Crude birth rate	13.7

#### Deaths

Total No. of deaths registered in the Division	1,413
Crude death rate.	11.1

#### Infant Mortality

Total No. of infant deaths occurring in the Division	46
Infant mortality rate	26.0

#### Maternal Mortality

Total No. of maternal deaths	Nil
Maternal Mortality rate	Nil

## 2. CARE OF MOTHERS & YOUNG CHILDREN

### Health Centres & Clinics

No. of Centres	10
Total No. of Children attended during the year	3,280
Total No. of attendances made	18,292

### Mothercraft & Relaxation Clinics

No of centres where clinics are held	5
No. of women who attended during the year	221
No. of attendances made	1,306



### Care of the Premature Baby

During the year 136 babies weighing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs or less were born in hospitals or maternity homes to mothers resident in the Division.

11 were born at home.

### 3. HEALTH VISITING

Total No. of cases visited by Health Visitors during the year	14,289
Total No. of Health Education sessions attended by Health Visitors	289
Total No. of case conferences attended by Health Visitors	1,050

The Diabetic & Geriatric liaison schemes have continued as in previous years.

### 4. HOME NURSING SERVICE

#### District Nursing

Total No. of persons treated during the year	11,209
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#### Day & Night Nursing

No. of cases receiving help	35
No. of hours involved	1,243

### 5. MIDWIFERY

Proportion of home confinements to total births	12%
No. of home confinements	202
No. of hospital confinements attended by Domiciliary Midwives	8

#### Early discharges from hospitals & maternity homes

(i) Discharged within 2 days	172
(ii) Discharged within 3 to 7 days	705
(iii) Discharged at 8 days or over	234
Total	<u>1,111</u>

### 6. CHIROPODY

No. of persons treated during the year	3,700
No. of treatments given during the year	14,388



7. SCREENING TESTS

Cervical Cytology

No. of smears taken	1,063
No. of positive smears	4

Well Woman Clinic

No. of clinics held	31
No. of patients examined	356



